

Pastor's Perspective

Dan Hansen, Senior Pastor

On my summer sabbatical...

As I said on our Rally Day weekend: "It's great to be back!" I can't thank you enough for the opportunity this summer to step back and to rest and recharge. It really was a wonderful summer with some special family time in June with our Wyoming cousins, and in July with my sister in Minnesota, and in August with my brother and (other) sister in Tennessee.

But the highlight of my summer was probably traveling to the top of Mount Sinai on a camel, which was part of a 21-day "Exodus Tour" to Egypt and Jordan and Israel with my brother-in-law (who loves adventure as much as I do!). It was amazing. As we traveled in the middle of the night under the stars, it was almost as if we had been transported in time. It was also amazing to see the Bedouin shepherd boys texting away on their cell phones all the way to the top of the Mount Sinai. They get WAY better cell phone reception than we do... and that's the truth!

This is a remarkable church! Once again, I've returned to discover that worship attendance has gone up during my absence. That's a compliment... I think! Certainly this is a compliment to you as the Body of Christ and certainly it is a testimony to the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Indeed, it was an extraordinarily ambitious summer as FCLC personally hosted not one, but TWO Workcamp missions right here in Longmont. Truly FCLC is living up to its mission to "reach out in love."

We've been blessed with strong leadership and a special thanks to our staff and council and Stephen ministers for their fine ministry this summer. Ministry marched on and was done very well. Sadly, we said goodbye to Ken Willson, Torge Goderstad, Roy Ward and Roy Cook. They will be missed indeed, but we give thanks that we are surrounded by such an inspiring "cloud of witnesses."

On our Wednesday Night Live (WNL) ministry...

Wow... Brit says we've been averaging about 120 kids each of the past three Wednesdays. Thank you for entrusting your kids to us—it's an honor and a privilege to be a part of shaping and encouraging their faith. As you can imagine, it requires a "team effort" on our part, and if you can help in any way, please let us know. Although we've been blessed with an outstanding team of volunteers, we can always use more help with teaching, drama, singing, feeding, crafts, games and "crowd" control... ha!

Youth & families are all invited to join us for supper each Wednesday at 5:30. Families are taking turns, pairing up to provide the meals. This is a great fellowship opportunity. Something new this year is a 5-minute opening in the Sanctuary where we all join together in prayer and song to start the evening. Everyone is welcome to join us for candlelight communion from 7:15 to 7:30. Come grow with us!



Pastor Dan Hansen

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On our recent congregational vote...

Congratulations to our Parish Associate, Ed Broestl, on the strong affirmation he received regarding his call to become a "rostered ELCA Diaconal Minister" here at FCLC. As most of you know, Ed completed his academic work for his Masters degree earlier this year from Gettysburg Seminary and now is in the final stages of our synod's approval process. Most importantly, we give thanks for Ed's love of the Lord and his passion for ministry. We've truly been blessed once again as our talented staff grows.

On visioning for the future...

As many of you have pointed out to me, we're running out of room once again! Sundays are packed—especially during the Sunday school hour and especially with the 11:00 worship. The parking lot is packed. With about 120 kids in the building every Wednesday, WNL is packed. What a "happy" problem! It's humbling to know that God is "entrusting" us with more and more people.

So... I would anticipate that sometime this fall our council will be appointing a "Long Range Planning Team," and I would anticipate that we will be having some "cottage meetings" once again to seek your hopes and dreams for this church. Most of all, we seek your prayers for God's guidance. After all, it's not our church—it's God's Church and we want to be faithful in pursuing God's hope and dreams for our congregation.

It's an exciting time in our ministry!

Your partner in ministry,
Pastor Dan

On Sunday, October 26, 2008, we will observe the Reformation.
Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the Wittenburg Castle Church doors on October 31, 1517.

Color code for Luther's seal:

Black Cross: It is only through faith in Jesus' death and resurrection that we are saved.

Red Heart: God's amazing, unconditional love for us.

White Rose: Peace and joy we find in Christ.

Blue background: Hope we have in a heavenly joy to come.

Gold Ring: Gift of eternal life in Christ will never end.



In the spirit of the Reformation, celebrate by wearing **RED** to church on October 26th!

Birthdays of the Month



October 1

Wanda Gwinn
Dan Hansen
Margi Davis
Kendra O'Brien
Jenna Schemmel

October 2

Rod Bowman
Jesse Demmel
Isabella Musser
Colton Goldfarb

October 3

Elisabeth Phelan
Linnea Berg

October 4

Glenn Uecker
Diane Rozek
Meghan Audley
Kyle Goertz

October 5

Mike Felton
Blair Smallwood
Sophia Carstens
Christi Davis

October 6

Hanorah Anderson
Alice Turner

October 7

Pat Galyardt
Duane Sharp
Pat Carson
Daniel Stechman

October 8

Mary Lou Urena
Amy Miller
Peter Konicek

October 9

Laurel Schemmel
Scott Platt

October 10

Teresa Stamp
Mollie Goings
David Konicek
Joshua Tuominen-Collins

October 11

Wayne Hubert
Rob Boggess

October 12

Nanette Goings
Jordan Smith

October 13

Bill Prout
Perry Willson
Brenda Spreier

October 14

Jan Baas
James Walder

October 15

Janelle Olson
Sandy Seale
Matthew Carson
Alex Olson

October 17

Renee McDermid

October 18

Andrea Johnson
Sharon Vaughn
Lexie Unger

October 19

Ann Dworak
Karyn Reed
Dan Griffey

October 20

Kevin Kovets

October 21

Carl Backes

October 23

Bruce Welander
Sherri Platt

October 24

Susan Moller
Brett Riemenschneider

October 25

Sue Ney

October 26

Dawn Baas

October 27

Mandy Wormke
Anuhea Bowman

October 30

Neal Carver
Kari Uecker
Mallory Mueller

October 31

Paul Storaci

October 3

Jeff & Kim Bonds – 21 yrs

October 4

Jack & Monica Peeples – 16 yrs

October 7

Jan & Julie Baas – 36 yrs
Zach & Shannon Myers – 2 yrs

October 8

Steve & Diana Phelan – 20 yrs

October 9

Adam & Sarah Gostenik – 4 yrs

October 16

Larry & Karen Odegard – 43 yrs

October 22

Steve & Marcie Mason – 30 yrs
Curt & Debbie Schroeder – 25 yrs
Bradley & Lynn Wolfe – 14 yrs

October 24

James & Kathijo Walder – 4 yrs

October 26

Brian & Nancy Tway – 23 yrs
Howard & Ardie Sahl – 12 yrs

October 27

Brad & Gena Steele – 29 yrs



“So many expressed how blessed they felt, not only by the work they were receiving, but by the relationships that were formed with the crews.”

Foothills of the Rockies Workcamp has come and gone. Countless hours went into making it a success. In all, 369 high school aged campers and their adult sponsors logged 10,052 hours at 51 worksites in temperatures that approached 100° every day. Even at minimum wage, that translates to \$65,840.60 in labor. And they enjoyed themselves to boot!

God means for people to have relationship with each other, preferably with Him at the core of it. One sign that this was made a reality during the two week run of Foothills of the Rockies Workcamp was the fact that over half of the Residents attended each of the two Friday evening programs. So many expressed how blessed they felt, not only by the work they were receiving, but by the relationships that were formed with the crews. One thing I know for sure, my own life has been deeply influenced by the kids, the residents, and people from our own Faith Community.

A huge THANKS goes out to Bob “the Builder” Thoman. A more faithful God-servant may not exist anywhere. Without him, I don’t think Workcamp would have happened. An only slightly smaller thanks goes out to all the other people who dedicated their time, energy and resources toward making everything run smoothly.

Our first task was to visit each site to see if it was a good fit. Site writers measured, drew and wrote driving directions to about 100 worksites. These diligent folks were Tom Bilan, Dave & Kathy Droege, Mark Flowers, Scott Francis, Don Lee, Bob Neb, Larry & Karen Odegard, Allen Clauson, Duane Sharp, Scott Snyder, Paul Storaci, and Bob & Linda Thoman, Marcie Mason.

Mark Flowers, “Big” Bob Neb, Seth Goings, and Dave & Kathy Droege went onsite to help oversee construction and problem solve. These folks along with Scott Snyder; Mike Krantz and his buddy Steve; Cliff Jensen; Carl Schaal; Ben Woo Ching; Mike Kleiman; and Steve Mason also made sure all the right materials were delivered to the sites the week before the campers arrived.

The mop-up crew went out after camp to make sure that all the jobs were completed to the satisfaction of the resident. Yes, there was some work left over for Larry Odegard, Mark Flowers, Bob Neb, Blair Smallwood, Scott Erie, Dave and Kathy Droege, and Steve and Marcie Mason.

The Hospitality Committee did an awesome job of providing a sense of welcome and a few creature comforts for the campers. Many thanks to Nanette Goings, committee organizer; Linda Thoman, Lanette Smallwood, Pat Neb, Sue Smith, Jill Brown, Erika Snyder, and Kathy Droege.

Special thanks go to Blair Smallwood for all the pictures, to Andy Mason for the logo design for the t-shirts, and to Bill Prout and Sun Construction for their generous support in purchasing our Foothills of the Rockies t-shirts.

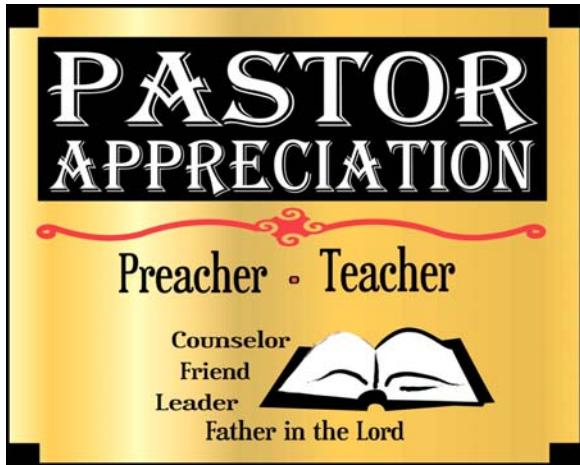
Thanks to everyone who shared their ladders. There would have been a lot of painting down low if it weren’t for you! You helped elevate the experience!

Another selfless group is the cleanup crew who helped wash windows, dust classrooms and sweep the parking lot at Longmont Christian School in appreciation for letting the campers hang their hats (and roll out their bedrolls) there for two weeks. Many thanks!

Last, but not least, thanks to the Outreach Committee who took the plunge and made the commitment, and the congregation who provided the generosity to make it all possible financially.

Most of all, thanks be to God for blessing us with a spirit of sharing, and just for blessing us so generously!

—Marcie Mason



Stephanie Mason, Pastoral Care Council Chair

Ahh... October is coming, with the cool breeze gently blowing through the trees. The leaves are showing off their amazing colors. The fields are being harvested. Another amazing summer has passed. Holidays are just around the corner. Apple cider and fireplaces bring warmth and pleasure to our senses. A time to reflect; a time to be grateful; a time of giving. What a wonderful month to enjoy!

October is also a wonderful time to enjoy Pastor Appreciation Month! A time to show our Pastors how much they have blessed us by giving them such things as cards of appreciation, a poem, a written prayer, a written compliment, or an appreciative note that will be enjoyed and read over and over again, or anything that will let

them know they are appreciated. In October, we will be honoring our Pastors with the traditional cake. A basket will be provided (in which to place your token of appreciation) next to the cake, in the Fellowship Hall. So let us come together to remember our Pastors by giving them something special, and personal, to let them know they are appreciated for all the wonderful things, and the hard work, they do for us and for God's Kingdom! Pastor Dan and Pastor Bruce ~ YOU are a blessing to us!

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ~Hebrews 13:7-8

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER Marriage Conference

Even the best marriage needs nourishment to keep it growing. And for 30 years, the Weekend to Remember conference has been showing couples how to make a relationship blossom. With Biblical truths and practical tools to help you understand the keys to a successful marriage, *Weekend to Remember* is an experience you'll never forget. www.familylife.com/weekend



For more info, dates and group discount code, contact Susan Moller, (303) 776-8771, susan@fclc.org



We have plastic grocery gift cards for both Safeway and King Soopers. So, stop by the red grocery booth and purchase your cards on Sunday mornings for all your grocery shopping needs. We will be selling them between services.

Our church receives 5% of the value of the cards and these monies support the Fellowship Ministry this month.

There is no extra cost to you. You buy \$100 of gift cards and get to spend \$100 at the grocery store. The store, however, gives FCLC \$5 per \$100!

Mexico Anyone?

Cindy Hansen

We (Cindy Hansen and Outreach) are in the process of organizing a mission trip to Galeana, Mexico. Brother George Rivera is in need of carpenters and painters to help put a new roof on their Galeana church. They also are in need of village church repairs. Any high school and older people interested in going? If you'd like to go, but you don't want to be a carpenter or painter... you could help with Sunday school, singing, organizing projects, etc. They'd welcome anyone!

We could go the week of spring break (March 28-April 5). We'd fly from Denver to Monterrey, Mexico (and back). Brother George would pick us up at the airport. We'd purchase all supplies in Monterrey, and then travel with Brother George to Galeana. We'd stay in Galeana in their dorm and eat the yummy food Rebeca Rivera prepares. (I'm hungry just thinking about it!) Let Cindy Hansen know if you want to go! I'll have a better idea of cost in a week. (Yeah... right! That's what I always say!) Email cindyhansen@group.com or cindy@fclc.org and let me know!

Consecration Sunday is Coming...

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's stewardship committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

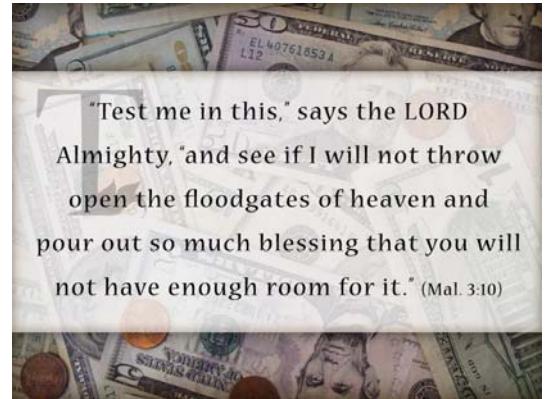
We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our committee leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Faith Community Lutheran Stewardship Committee

Joel Rothe, Stewardship Chair
 Susan Moller
 Roger Olsen
 Craig Chaney
 Chris Holstine
 Federico Ruiz



Christian Education News

Nanette Goings, Director of Education

Halloween Alternative for Preschool-2nd graders

Pumpkin Patch Parable Party-October 26, 6-7 pm for Preschool-2nd graders. Join us as we discover how the pumpkins grown in FCLC's own pumpkin patch will become a parable for sharing the Good News! Sponsored by FCLC's Christian Education Committee, activities for this event will be based on Liz Curtis Higgs' book, "The Pumpkin Patch Parable".



GO FISH! is coming to Longmont!!!

FCLC is one of the 7 sponsoring churches bringing this amazing family Christian concert to Longmont—one night only.

- Friday, November 14, 7:00 pm at Lifebridge Church, 10345 Ute Hwy

Go Fish!—is arguably one of the most unique groups in the music industry. Not only do three guys make music for children and families, but they create amazing sounds with just their voices and percussion. Just great songs, that creatively communicate biblical values.

Tickets may be purchased for \$10 at FCLC each Sunday morning. Wanna know more? Come see Go Fish! in concert on the DVD playing at the bottom of the stairs each Sunday morning. *If you remember hearing "Christmas with a Capital C" making the YouTube circuit last year. . .you've heard GO Fish!*

Begin filling your shoebox!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD begins on October 12! Become a part of this annual outreach tradition at Faith Community Lutheran. Fill a shoebox with small toys and personal hygiene items, and return to church by November 16. For more information, pick up a brochure after October 12, on the oasis bulletin board at the bottom of the stairs at church.



BONFILS BLOOD CENTER

Bonfils Blood Drive ... October 26, 8:30 am–12:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

It may be someone you know—a family member, a friend, or a stranger, but your blood donation will save the lives of up to 3 people.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, contact: Mary Konicek marylarrykids@aol.com



Have your blood pressure checked at the same time!

Blood pressure checks will be taking place on October 26, 9:30-11 am in the Fireside Room.

Do you hear a constant clicking noise every time you take a step? No need to worry! No need to have your ears checked! You must be one of the 51 FCLC members participating in the 10,000 Steps-A-Day Walking Challenge! Check out the bulletin board across from the church office to see which teams are stepping it up! Drawing for final prizes for all who individually reach 700,000 steps will take place on Sunday, November 16, at the Celebration Luncheon. Watch this space for more details!



Mark this date! - November 8, 8 am-3 pm at Longmont Clinic

Do you stand in line with the masses every year to get a flu shot? Do you have a grumpy attitude and a sore arm before the morning is over?

Wait no more, take a friend and have a smile on your face while getting your flu shot this year!

Here's the scoop . . . *Longmont Clinic will be offering a flu shot clinic for the masses on November 8, upstairs--you know the kind. . . long lines, grumpy attitudes.*

BUT, interested FCLC members and staff have the opportunity to receive flu shot vouchers in October which will open the door for us to "pass GO" and proceed downstairs at Longmont Clinic to receive our shots at a special Occupational Flu Clinic just for us. . .remember no long lines, just happy faces and a friend or two!

- Cost: \$23 (you will receive paperwork to submit to Medicare or your insurance carrier)
- Must be 18 years or older.
- 100 vouchers available to FCLC members/staff
- Let Nanette know by October 12, if you would like to be the proud owner of a Flu Shot Voucher!



Christian Education Dates to Remember

October 5	9:45-10:45 am	Orientation to FCLC, Session 2, join at the 11am service, luncheon follows
October 26	8:30am-12:30pm	Bonfils Blood Drive
October 26	6:00-7:00 pm	Pumpkin Patch Parable Party – Preschool-2 nd grades
November 8	8:00am-3:00 pm	FCLC Flu Shot Clinic at Longmont Clinic
November 14	7:00 pm	GO FISH! Concert at Lifebridge Church

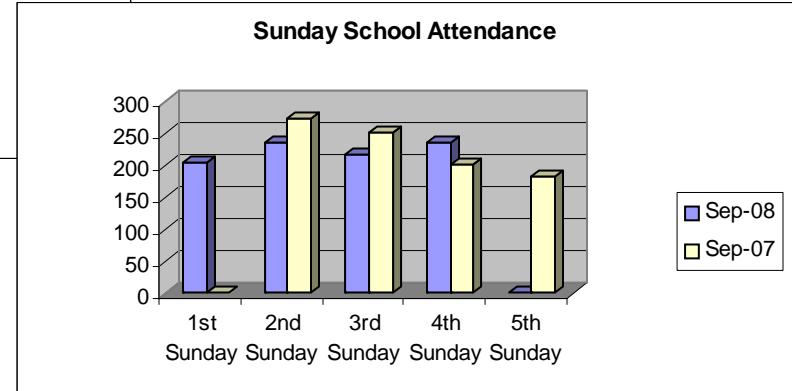
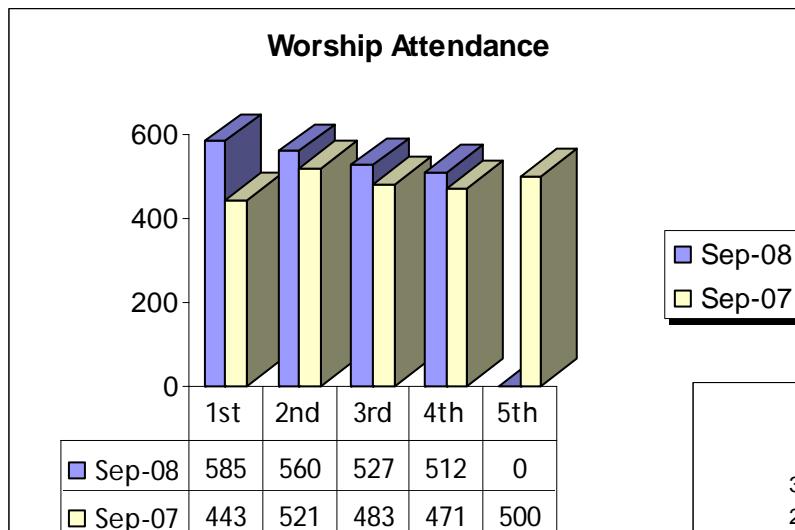
Nanette Goings, Director of Christian Education

Mary Konicek, Christian Education Chairperson

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Attendance



Outreach News

October Focus: Domestic Violence

The month of October is designated to focus on Domestic Violence and how it impacts our society. You can visit www.safeshelterofstvrain.org/about_DV_ENG.html for more information and statistics on domestic violence.

FCLC Outreach would like to bring awareness to this by supporting the Safe Shelter of St. Vrain Valley. This Longmont-based organization was founded in 1978 to fill the unmet needs for services for battered women and children. Now, its mission statement is "to provide safety, support, and resources to individuals affected by domestic abuse..." More information on the Safe Shelter can be found at www.safeshelterofstvrain.org.

The Safe Shelter relies heavily on the generous support of volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help with the shelter and the crisis line, give support to children, as well as administrative assistance. If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 303.772.0432. For a list of the specific volunteer positions are listed at www.safeshelterofstvrain.org/volunteer_opportunity_ENG.html



As a part of FCLC Outreach Focus, we would like to help collect some items from their "wish list" (See www.safeshelterofstvrain.org/our_wish_list_ENG.html). There will be a collection bin in the Outreach Corner (SW Corner of Narthex). All donations will be given to the Safe Shelter at the end of October. If you have any questions, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net). Thank you for your support!

Safe Shelter "Wishlist"

- Art/craft supplies, markers, journals, pens, computer paper
- Inspirational books in English and Spanish (on topic of domestic violence)
- Non-violent DVDs for children & adults (English & Spanish)
- Women's sleepwear, socks, and undergarments
- Diapers, tissues, paper towels, etc.
- Car seats (Baby & Toddler)
- Phone cards, Gas Cards, Buss passes, Gift Cards
- Women's bike

Mark Your October Calendar for some celebrations!

October 16: Life Choices Pregnancy Center's 25th Anniversary Banquet and Fundraiser.

FCLC Outreach has sponsored a table for 10 people to join in this event. Please show your support by attending this at the Radisson in Longmont. If you're able to make it, please contact Pat Sharp ASAP at 303.776.3715 or m6sharp@aol.com

Coming this Fall...

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, December 7. FCLC is signed up to serve lunch to over 100 people at the OUR Center. We need ~8 volunteers to help make, setup, serve, and cleanup the meal from 10am-2pm. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net)

FCLC Outreach is working to organize a Homeless Outreach Project to serve a meal to the homeless. The date is still to be determined so be sure to keep your eye on the bulletin for more information or contact Tami Musfeldt (tami.m@comcast.net) if you're interested.

FCLC Outreach will be organizing a visit to the Sterling House Assisted Living Facility as a part of our continued Senior Outreach efforts to the community. If you are interested in Senior Outreach and/or volunteering, please contact Michelle Wynkoop (mkwynkoop@hotmail.com) or Stacia Keller (keller3813@msn.com)



Outreach News — continued

Helping Out Habitat...Thank YOU!!!

A BIG Thank You goes out to everyone who volunteered their time to help with the Habitat project on September 20. What a great response we had! We had nearly 15 people volunteer their *entire* Saturday to help with the exterior siding and trim of the Thrivent-sponsored Habitat house in NE Longmont. FCLC Outreach was also in charge of serving lunch to the volunteer workers where we had another 10 people help out by premaking and serving the lunch. This local outreach project wouldn't have been successful without the commitment and dedication of all the volunteers. *A special thanks goes out to Veta Hartman for organizing the lunch and Curt Musfeldt for organizing the workday.* If you're interested in participating in future Habitat projects, please contact Veta Hartman (hartmanv@comcast.net) or Curt Musfeldt (cmusfeld@qualcomm.com)

September Yarn Drive - Very Plentiful!

It's wonderful to see how much yarn was collected in the September Yarn Drive. All yarn collected was donated to the Holiday Giving Program which will be used to knit hats, mittens, and scarves for kids in need within the St. Vrain Valley.

August's "S.O.S" Drive for Shoes Or Socks - Great Participation!

What an incredible congregation we have! A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who brought in shoes and socks for our S.O.S. Drive in August. We collected 85 pairs of socks and 264 pairs of shoes (including 39 Crocs). All the socks and some of the "sturdy" shoes went to HOPE organization to be distributed to the homeless in Longmont. The remaining shoes went to the OUR Center's clothing bank to help those in need. And, the Crocs that were collected went to Soles United (www.solesunited.com) where they will recycle, regrind, remodel, and then donate to people in need all over the world.



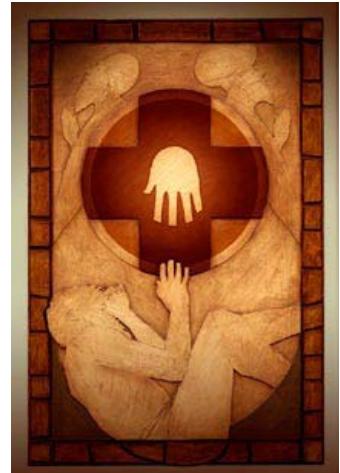
A Note about the Baby Bottle Campaign

The Life Choices Baby Bottle campaign runs from Mother's Day to Father's Day every year. Each year FCLC Outreach participates in this campaign by collecting baby bottles full of "spare change". This year FCLC collected \$636.51 in which all was donated to support Life Choices Pregnancy Center. Thank you for your support!

Good Samaritan Fund

Did you know that Faith Community Lutheran has a Good Samaritan Fund? This fund was set up several years ago with the purpose to provide direct emergency financial assistance to people in need. It is aimed towards helping those attending FCLC who need a little extra help or are in a time of a disaster (lost job, accident, fire, etc). Money from the fund is also used to help people who are sponsored by an FCLC member or someone referred by a local non-profit organization. Currently a portion of the incoming offering goes to this fund, but all members are welcome to contribute to it anytime (just designate your gift to go to the "Good Samaritan Fund").

For questions about the application process, please contact Susan Moller susan@fclc.org



The Youth @ F.C.

Brit Windel, Director of Youth & Family Ministry

With our Wednesday Night Live Program hitting and in full swing I am so excited about this Fall. Some neat things going on and I wanted to let you know about October first.

We are having our Middle School Retreat here at Faith Community on October 3rd through the 4th. The Retreat will start at 7:30 onsite. We will be having small group break-out sessions, Bible studies and great worship. The students will be staying onsite (sleeping in the church) on Friday night. Saturday morning we will get up early for breakfast, have our quiet time, and then we will be painting the FCLC sign. After lunch we will be heading to Boondocks for our afternoon activities. We will be back at the church by 5:00 pm for the Saturday evening service. The cost is \$45.

On October 11th, our very own Ian Rosenstein will be playing in the Battle of the Bands in Denver. I will be taking a group of High School Students to that event. The cost is \$12, which covers tickets and gas. Come and support one of our students, who is heavily involved in worship and high school ministry.

October 12th is a huge night! We want to go as a church family to the THIRD DAY and SWITCHFOOT concert in Broomfield. Tickets are ranging from \$35 to \$40 at door admissions. We were unable to get a group rate so if you want to go, you can go to this website:

<http://www.ticketmaster.com/event/1E0040A6BA084983?artistid=779803&majorcatid=10001&minorcatid=1>

Doors open at 5:00 pm and show starts at 6:00 pm. I hope you will join us and bring your family.

October 24th - 25th is our high school retreat, which is being held here onsite at Faith Community. I am really excited about this time as several of my friends will be traveling to Longmont to lead worship for our students and help lead in Bible discussion. The retreat will start at 7:30 pm onsite. We will be having small group breakout sessions, Bible studies and great worship. The students will be staying onsite (sleeping in the church) on Friday night. Saturday morning we will get up early for breakfast and then head up to Estes Park for our afternoon worship service and small group discussion. The cost is \$55.

To keep on your "calendar watch":

- Sound Off for Poverty, which is happening in November.
- Doing a Christmas Float as the F.C. youth group for the Longmont Christmas Parade.

If you would like to get involved with either of these activities, contact me or Tami Musfeldt



Celebrations!

Congratulations to these couples, who were married in September:

1. Kevin & Erin (Borcher) Bachman	September 6
2. Carl & Carolyn (Wurm) Ross	September 13
3. Peter & Jessica (Anderson) Stackhouse	September 20
4. Rob & Dawn (Hajdas) Baas	September 27

We welcomed two little children into the Lord's family through baptism:

1. Lia Charlotte Oldroyd	Evan Joni Oldroyd, parents
2. Mason Todd Williams	Todd & Heather Williams, parents



VOTE FOR BOOKS at FCLC Library

Help create the FCLC Great Books List of 2008. Name your candidate for the Great Books List before national returns are in on November 4, 2008. We can't predict the presidential election outcome, but your candidate for the Great Books List is sure to guarantee recommendations for great reading as the election dust settles in Washington and every state of the union. Please **vote for books** and share your favorites with others. A Great Books List will be available for everyone after the votes are tallied.

How to vote: Pick up a ballot at the library or the narthex book bin to nominate your favorite in one or in all three categories. Deposit your ballot in the Election Box on the library desk before November 4th.

1. Name a book (and its author) that made a difference in your life and briefly tell other readers why?
2. Name a favorite book that you enjoyed reading (at any age in your life) and that you remember and recommend ... or perhaps reread when you are in the mood.
3. Name a book from the FCLC library that you have read and recommend for the Great Books List.

A few rules: All ages may nominate books ... even if Mom or Dad needs to help write the titles.

- All ballots must be signed ... and names will be included on the Great Books List.
- The Bible is not eligible for nomination. *It's everybody's great book already, isn't it?*
- Only one book can be listed in each category. It's okay to leave a category empty.

Books nominated for 1 or 2 don't need to be in the church library. They might be added later.

**Sample one of the September 'News'...
Find more in the library!**



Meeting God at a Dead End, by Ron Mehl. When you don't know where to go, let God lead the way.
Cluny: In Search of God's Lost Empire, by Edwin Mullins. A thousand years ago the French abbey of Cluny was the hub of one of the mightiest empires of the Middle Ages and the spiritual heart of Europe. Until it was destroyed by the French Revolution...

The Applause of Heaven, by Max Lucado. Lucado believes that the Beatitudes provide what we need to discover the joy of God... But 'this joy is not cheap.'

His Word in my Heart, by Janet Pope. Memorizing scripture for a closer walk with God.

The 10 Commandments of Parenting: The Do's and Don'ts for Raising Great Kids, by Ed Young. Relax... God doesn't expect you to be a perfect parent.

The Beginner's Bible [new big books for the board book fans] from Zonderkidz: Little Lamb's Big Scare (and the Shepherd's Great Care). Lion's Big Sleepover (and Daniel's Scary Night). Fish's Big Catch (and Jonah's Second Chance), Donkey's Big Find (and the Good Samaritan's Rescue).

FICTION

Fire Dancer, by Colleen Coble. Tess Masterson's parents died in a terrible barn fire. Now she's become one of the best smoke jumpers in the business.

Road to Nowhere, by Paul Robertson. Most small towns would kill for a new highway. Shady deals and shocking corruption arrive with the announcement of what may be a road to nowhere.

Wish You Well, by David Baldacci. Father has died in a tragic auto accident and Mother slips into a deep coma. Two children must go to live with a mysterious great-grandmother high in the mountains of Virginia. Slowly and gently, their emotional wounds heal and...

A Land of Sheltered Promise: a novel inspired by true stories of the Big Muddy Ranch, by Jane Kirkpatrick. For three women united across time, a remote and rugged stretch of land in the Pacific Northwest proves to be a place where miracles really happen... and the gifts of faith, hope

You don't have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them. - Ray Bradbury

Worship Corner

Diane Sell, Worship & Drama Director

October Featured Song

In our ongoing effort to introduce new music to the congregation, "Come Closer" will be the song that will be featured each week in our Gospel verse slot.

These simple and moving lyrics invite us to listen with our mind and heart to the words of God that are being shared in the lessons each Sunday.



Below are the words of this litany. I am confident that you will be singing this tune throughout your work week as it is very "catchy."

"Beautiful are the words spoken to me
Beautiful is the one who is speaking
Beautiful are the words spoken to me
Beautiful is the one who is speaking
 Come in close
 Come in close and speak
 Come in close, come closer to me"

We Have SOUND NEEDS!!!

1. We are in need of some folks who would be willing to run (or be trained in) sound for our Saturday service.
2. We are also looking for someone who would be willing to be put on a rotation schedule to run sound for funerals and weddings.

If this ministry is something that might interest you, please contact either Kathy Griffey or Diane Sell at the church.

Summer Outdoor Worship 2008 "A Blessing and a Challenge"

This past summer we had wonderful attendance at our 8:30am outdoor worship service. WHAT A BLESSING! A number of dedicated volunteers came 2 hours early to set up and get ready for your worship experience. WHAT A BLESSING!

We have outgrown our sound system for this outdoor experience and after hours of research have found out that it will cost us many thousands of dollars to upgrade. WHAT A CHALLENGE!

We also have so many more people in attendance and our hot mornings are becoming increasingly difficult to accommodate all of you wonderful people!~ WHAT A CHALLENGE!

The Worship and Music committee has decided that (for now) we will be suspending outdoor worship for 2009 until we can accommodate our growing needs. We appreciate your support and prayers in this ongoing ministry!

WORSHIP TEAM NOTES

LEAP OF FAITH TEAM

- The Band will continue to meet Thursday nights in the Sanctuary from 6:00–7:00 pm to work on new music and up and coming line-ups for October and November.
- All Team Rehearsal: Thursday night, October 2nd at 7:00 pm with Sound and VPU!
- LOF Singers: will be meeting Sunday, October 19th and Sunday, October 26th at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary. Bring your 3-ring binders as we will be learning some new songs and prepping for November and December months!

WOMEN OF FAITH (Worship) TEAM

... Will rehearse on Wednesday nights October 15, 22, 29 from 6:15 – 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Please bring your music books that were handed out this summer.

If anyone is interested in joining this growing group of Women... please do! You can get your folder with music and CD from Diane Sell at the church.

Women of Faith (WOF) will be singing special music on Sunday, October 26th, at both services!!!

History “Tidbits” on Musical Selections

“Wade in the Water” by Gwendolin Sims Warren

When God “troubled,” or moved, the water, it was a sign that healing would take place. Water is a common cleansing symbol in the spirituals. It refers most of the time to the redemptive power of the River Jordan. With great imaginative accuracy, the authors of “Wade in the Water” allude in the last verse to “Jordan’s stream” — and the Jordan actually does start as a stream from a mountainside.

- Little known fact: “Wade in the Water” was a song used by Underground Railroad slave conductor Harriet Tubman.
- This popular spiritual was sung as a prelude in September before a baptism that was held at FCLC.

DRaMaTiC tHoUgHtS!!

“LIFE SONG MUSICAL”

Practices will continue for the cast October 5, 12, 19, 26 from 4:00–6:00 pm!
 Dinner will be provided on October 5th. Bring a “bag dinner” on the 12th, 19th, and 26th.
 We begin the in the Fellowship Hall with dinner and devotions and then go to the Sanctuary for rehearsal!



“LIFE SONG” Cast is Looking for the following for this Production”

If you have access to any of these items and would be willing to let us use these please contact Mary Timms or Diane Sell. We will need to start using these items October 19th. Many thanks!

- ◆ 4 wet suits (2 youth sizes Large and 2 youth sizes XL)
- ◆ Parachute
- ◆ Kayak
- ◆ surf board
- ◆ snorkel gear
- ◆ Empty crates -- different sizes

CONCESSION STAND “A New Idea”

This year we will not be selling tickets to the musical. Instead, we will have a concession stand located in Fellowship Hall. It will be open 30 mins before the production and 15 mins during intermission. Items will be sold and the proceeds will go back into the Drama Department for future productions! We are in need of 2 adults who would be willing to oversee this for the 2 production days. We have youth who are willing to run the booth. Some of the items in this concession stand will include: candy, fresh cookies, popcorn, bottled water, soda, juices, and nachos.

If you are interested in helping in this area please contact Diane Sell.

Puppets in Worship!

If you are interested in using your dramatic gifts and be “heard, but not seen,” Puppet Ministry in worship just might be for YOU! Please contact Diane Sell if you are interested. Puppets are featured every 4th Sunday of the month during the Children’s Message time.

More... DRaMaTiC tHoUgHtS!!

Lenten Dramas

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry that takes place at both Lenten services, please see Diane Sell. I am looking for actors of all ages who would be willing to be in either a monologue setting or small group ensemble setting. The theme will be "Fruits of the Spirit." Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 25 and goes through April 1, 2009.



... will present "A Concert of Celtic Music" at Calvary Baptist Church, Saturday, October 18th, 7:30 pm, at 2101 Gay Street, Longmont. The City of Denver Pipe Band (bagpipes) is also performing at this concert.

Four Faith Community members are also members of the Chorale: Ron & Donna Wormke, Paula Moore, and Tanja Nelson. Scott Hamlin directs the Longmont Chorale.

For more information, go to www.longmontchorale.org or call 303-651-7664

Stewardship News

Ed Broestl, Parish Associate

The following financial information appeared in our "FCLC Weekly News" (the insert to our weekly bulletin) for our worship services on September 27th and 28th and recaps our budget, offering, and expenses through 38 weeks of the year. We are aware of the current financial crisis on both Wall Street and Main Street. We are trusting in God's faithfulness to us as individuals, as families, and as a congregation. It is our course to "march boldly" forward... certainly not blindly but trusting that God will provide the necessary provisions (wisdom, guidance, and direction).

Week #38	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Budget	\$593,030	\$519,299	\$467,722
General Fund offering	\$496,425	\$445,860	\$434,587
Expenses	\$494,635	\$446,762	\$450,156
Needed per week	\$ 15,493	\$ 13,670	\$ 12,600
Received per week	\$ 13,064	\$ 11,733	\$ 11,437

Items of note are:

- The year-to-date General Fund giving is 85% of the budget. Giving to the General Fund currently exceeds expenses by \$1,960. This is being accomplished by the Council Chairs and staff being mindful of expenditures. Our hope was each member family would make an average commitment of \$45/week to meet our 2008 budget. Our current member family average giving is \$38/week.
- Our hope continues that members will increase their giving by 10 percent over their giving last year, e.g., if a family gave 2.0 percent of their income in 2007, then their percent of income given in 2008 would be 2.2 percent.
- As we enter the last quarter of the year, we request prayerful consideration of your gifts to Faith Community. In past years, members were extremely generous as the year end approaches. Case in point was our ability to "Wing the Debt" last December. The current national and world-wide financial crisis also needs your prayers. Wisdom is essential in matters of money - for ourselves, our nation, and for our world.
- Finally, the 3rd Quarter Budget Hearing will be October 12, 2008, following the 8:30am service. We will review our activities through the first three quarters and outline our plans for the remainder of the year from both a 2008 and 2009 perspective.

God's spirit is on me. He chose me to preach the message of Good News to the poor, sent me to announce the pardon of prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, "This is God's year to act!" Luke 4:18-19

Catch the Spirit!

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Mission Verse

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Our Vision

*In each of us burns a flame,
so we gather in faith and
hope to reach out in love.*



Our Core Values

To "Reach Out in Love" as a church that is:

- Bible-centered
- Prayer-centered
- Worship-centered with blended styles of music
- Kid-Friendly
- Visitor-Friendly
- A Model of the Priesthood of Believers
- A Model of "First Fruits Giving" (*to various outreach projects*)